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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 24, 2003, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. While Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/SEA/8032987/JAS, for any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office.